

TO: Conservation/Mitigation Banking Stakeholders and Interested Parties

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Re: Interested Parties Stakeholder Forum on June 29, 2010, at 10 AM, in Sacramento

Following the release of the California statewide mitigation and conservation banking templates in 2008, a forum was held to roll out those documents, provide an opportunity for discussion, and to answer questions that bankers and their representatives might have had. Those in attendance indicated a desire for periodic future opportunities to meet and discuss use of the templates and the mitigation and conservation bank review process. In response to that expressed desire and to recent requests from the banking community, we have scheduled another mitigation and conservation bank forum to allow us to look back at two years with the mitigation rule and the California statewide banking templates, provide updates concerning on-going efforts, discuss what we all need to do to move forward, hear suggestions from bankers on how things might work better, and provide feedback from the IRT agencies on what is needed from bankers.

The forum will be held in the Federal Building at 650 Capitol Mall, Sacramento, in the First Floor Conference Room, on June 29, 2010, at 10 AM. The agenda is attached. Unfortunately, the area is not conducive to easy or inexpensive parking. One option is to park in the underground parking area of the downtown plaza at 7th and K, which provides 3 hours free parking with validation from most of the plaza merchants. A purchase is usually required for validation. Another option is to take light rail. The light rail stop is one block from the building. Amtrak is another option, as the station is only a couple blocks from the building.

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A call in line will be provided if there is a need. So, if you cannot attend, but would like to call in, please let me know. I will provide a call in number, once I have one, to those that request it.

One request I have for bankers and their representatives: If you have particular question(s) that you know you are going to want to ask at the forum, please email them to me as soon as you can, so that we can insure that we have answers for them. While I realize that there will be questions that will require follow-up and a later response, I believe this step will make the discussion much more informative and productive.

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Agenda
Mitigation and Conservation Bank Forum
Sponsored by U.S Army Corps of Engineers
And
The Interagency Review Team
First Floor Conference Room
Federal Building at 650 Capitol Mall

June 29, 2010

10:00 Welcome

Purpose, Objectives, Agenda

Introductions

Updates:

- a. Banking Template update
- b. Update on RIBITS
- c. Updates from 3 USACE Districts
- d. Updates from IRT Agencies
- e. Update on DFG endowment policy
- f. What agencies want from bankers to help the process work better.

Public comments:

What do bankers want to help this process work better?

Conclusion

Evaluation

1:00 Meeting Adjourns